

GERMAN PLANT ADAPTED TO USE OF SIEGE GUNS

London Greatly Excited by Report That Building in Suburbs Is Designed to Act as Base.

BUILT OF HEAVY CONCRETE

Employees of Firm Taken Into Custody, While Military Experts Are Carefully Making Study of Structure.

[Correspondence of Associated Press.] LONDON, October 23.—London has been greatly excited by the report that a German-owned music-printing plant in Willesden, a prominent manufacturing suburb of London, has an immense building whose heavy concrete foundations, floors and roof, are well adapted to the use of siege guns.

Twenty of the German employees of the firm were taken into custody, and military experts are studying the building carefully. Meantime the excited public is fully convinced that the plant was designed to act as a German base for attack upon London proper. The building unquestionably occupies a strategic position. It stands high, with a clear view to Crystal Palace, Willesden Junction, where two main lines entering London centre, is but a short distance from the plant.

However, the English architects who designed the building and supervised its construction eight years ago, say it is similar to many other printing plants, and has no heavier foundations and floors than are required where heavy machinery is installed.

The building is about 200 feet square on the outside, and is constructed about a court 250 feet square. It is but one story, and the foundations are of concrete and six feet thick. The English manager of the concern says this unusually thick foundation was laid as the firm expected to add additional stories to the plan when business expanded. A concrete roof covers most of the building.

Discovery by the allies that Germany has prepared concrete bases for its howitzers surreptitiously in many places in Belgium and France, has made all Englishmen suspicious of possible German preparations in England.

In discussing the Willesden factory, the Sunday Times says:

"In a situation which commands an almost uninterrupted view of that great tract of London which lies between Willesden and the Crystal Palace is discovered a building whose roof, floor and foundations are constructed of exceptionally thick concrete and might apparently be employed as the emplacement of a heavy gun. In fact, one of those seventeen-inch howitzers for which such careful arrangements were found to have been made around Antwerp and Namur. We are very far from suggesting that the premises at Willesden were deliberately constructed for the purpose of manning them, it is at least probable that in the event of an attack upon London the attention of the Germans' commanders would have been called to that convenient concrete structure if they had not known of it before their arrival.

"It is highly probable that there do exist such places around London and in the neighborhood of our great fortress positions which have been carefully prepared for siege guns, and the chief value, to our mind, of the Willesden discovery, is that it may be expected to stimulate authorities to search for them.

"The suspicion that many wireless equipments are operating in London was justified by the discovery of such a plant in the home of a Colonel, a professor. As wireless apparatus can be operated for so short a distance as from London to the European coast without an outside tower, the discovery of wireless stations is of great difficulty. The Times advocates that the War Office issue a statement stipulating that persons found sheltering such apparatus will be treated as spies and handed over to military power."

Tax Amendments Defeated. RALEIGH, N. C., November 7.—Official and unofficial returns compiled tonight indicate the defeat of the State constitutional amendment on taxation in North Carolina. The indications are that the other nine amendments have also been defeated by a large majority.

FUNSTON IS IN DANGER, IS WASHINGTON REPORT (Continued From First Page.)

slans, notwithstanding its locally favorable position, this is justified in the interest of the general situation.

EXCHANGE FELICITATIONS

ON FALL OF TSINGCHAU LONDON, November 8 (12:42 A. M.).—The following telegrams of felicitation have been exchanged by the board of admiralty and the Japanese Minister of Marine.

"The board of admiralty sends its heartfelt congratulations to the gallant army and navy of Japan on the prosperous and brilliant issue of the operations which resulted in the fall of Tsingchau."

"The Japanese Minister of Marine replied: 'I fully share with you in felicitations of the fall of Tsingchau. It affords me great pleasure to assure you that the outcome of the efforts of the navy of our ally in co-operation with ours during the investment of Tsingchau was splendid.'

GERMANS ATTACK BRITISH

COAST OFF YARMOUTH

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] AMSTERDAM, November 7.—An official report issued from German headquarters says: "On November 3 our large and small cruisers attacked the British coast off Yarmouth, and shelled the coast works, together with some small vessels anchored in the neighborhood, which seemed not to have expected the attack."

"The strong British forces which protect this important port were not there."

"The British admiralty announces that submarine D-5, which seemed to follow our cruisers, struck a mine and sank."

German newspapers received here lay emphasis on the fact that not for centuries has the coast of England been attacked by foreign warships.

ATTEMPTS AGAINST ENEMY

PROGRESSING SLOWLY

LONDON, November 7 (11:15 P. M.).—An official statement issued in Vienna says:

"In the southern war theatre attempts made against the enemy, strongly fortified behind barbed wire entanglements in the district of Compiègne and south of Shabatz, are progressing slowly. The strategically important heights of Mear were captured and 200 prisoners taken."

"We began on the 6th an attack on the position near Kroupain (sixty-two miles southeast of Belgrade). Details cannot yet be published. Yesterday some Serbian intrenchments were

stormed, and 15,000 prisoners, four cannon and six machine guns were taken."

FOUR TURKISH TRANSPORTS

SUNK BY RUSSIANS

WASHINGTON, November 7.—The Russian embassy tonight received a supplementary statement to the official report given out in Petrograd, which says: "In the Black Sea our fleet bombarded the Turkish port of Samsun and sank four Turkish transports, three with supplies of clothing for the Turkish army, and one presumably with troops."

THEATRES AND ACTORS

HAD HIT BY WAR

LONDON, November 7.—Many cases of dire poverty are being reported to relief committees from among the classes that depend on furnishing amusement for their livelihood. The war has hit the theatres and theatre folk a hard blow, and many small-part actors and stage hands are near starvation. Many theatres have been closed. Several relief movements have been started.

AUTHORITIES FORBID

ENTRY OF REFUGEES

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] ROME, November 7.—The military authorities of Cracow are forbidding the entry of refugees from Galicia. The prohibition, it is feared, is a prelude to the evacuation of the city, owing to the Russian advance.

Austrian courts are overworked trying offenders against the recent prohibition of the government against spreading alarming news, which constitutes a crime punishable with fine and imprisonment. Nearly all the offenders have been convicted.

ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCES

OCCUPATION OF FAO

LONDON, November 8 (12:30 A. M.).—The admiralty announces the occupation of Fao, a port of Asiatic Turkey, at the mouth of the River Shatt-el-Arab, in the Persian Gulf.

A military force from India, covered by the sloop Odin, landed with a naval detachment after the Turkish guns had been silenced, according to the announcement.

There were no British casualties. Fao is the terminus of the submarine telegraph to India.

TAKES DECISIVE STEPS

TO HOLD DOWN PRICES

VENICE, November 7 (via Paris, 6:20 P. M.).—The Hungarian government is taking decisive steps to hold down food prices. Landowners and grain dealers have been ordered to furnish reports of their stocks, and it has been found there are much greater supplies in the country than had been supposed.

When the returns are all in, the government will fix a scale of prices.

NAMES OF OFFICERS

ON CASUALTY LIST

LONDON, October 7 (9:20 P. M.).—A casualty list issued to-night names fifteen officers killed and sixty wounded. Among the killed are Colonel Frederick Walter Kerr, of the late Admiral Lord Frederick H. Kerr, and Lieutenant Sir Gilbert Nevill Ogilvy, of the Scots Guards. Among the wounded is Lieutenant Lord John Wodehouse, widely known as an international polo player. Seventeen officers are reported missing.

CITY OF PARIS AUTHORIZED

TO ISSUE BONDS

PARIS, November 7 (11:45 P. M.).—The French government has authorized the city of Paris to issue \$424,000,000 bonds for redemption in 1920.

The bonds will bear interest not to exceed 6 per cent.

SUM OF \$170,000 FOR

WORK IN FOREIGN FIELD

BOSTON, November 7.—The general committee of the board of foreign missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church to-day voted an appropriation of \$170,000 for work in the foreign field next year.

Leaves for Washington.

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, November 7.—Thaddeus A. Thompson, the American minister to Colombia, left for Washington to-day.

WANTS COTTON CONTRIBUTED

FOR RELIEF OF SOLDIERS

ST. LOUIS, November 7.—Miss Anne Morgan, daughter of the late J. Pierpont Morgan, in a letter received by business men here to-day, asks all St. Louisans who have purchased cotton in the recent "buy a bale" movement to contribute the cotton to a fund for the relief of soldiers and destitute of the European belligerents.

Her letter declares she has organized

URIC ACID IN MEAT

CLOGS THE KIDNEYS

Take a glass of Salts if your Back hurts or Bladder bothers.

If you must have your meat every day, eat it, but flush your kidneys with salts occasionally, says a noted authority who tells us that meat forms uric acid which almost paralyzes the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken, then you suffer with all the misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sours, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you get rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

To neutralize these irritating acids, to cleanse the kidneys and flush off the body's urinous waste get four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy here; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure, and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink.—Adv.

PROTEST URGED AGAINST

BRITISH INTERFERENCE

BUTTE, MONT., November 7.—Commercial organizations in Butte, Anaconda, Helena and Missoula have adopted resolutions urging the State Department to protest against British interference with American copper shipments destined to neutral countries.

WOMAN REPORTED KILLED

WHILE SERVING IN WAR

DRESDEN (via Rome), November 8 (2 A. M.).—The first woman reported killed while serving in the present war was Baroness Marka von Falkenhauelsen. She was slain by a bomb dropped from an aeroplane while acting as a nurse in a hospital at Sionne, France.

NO SIGNS OF HOSTILITY

TO PRESENCE OF TROOPS

Under Protection of Federal Forces Effort to Resume Operation in Mines Will Be Made.

PAINE CREEK, ARIZ., November 7.—Under the protection of United States troops an effort will be made at once to resume operations of the Bache-Denman Company's mine No. 4. This statement came from reliable sources here to-day, and it is generally believed that Franklin Bache, president of the company, and appointed by the Federal Court as receiver, now is in the East making preparations.

This mine was the scene of a battle on July 17 between union miners and the guards and nonunion employees of the company. At the same time the surface workings, valued at \$150,000, were burned.

No signs of hostility to the presence of the United States troops were noticeable.

The Federal grand jury which was called yesterday at Fort Smith to investigate the Hartford Valley disturbances, adjourned at noon to-day until November 17. Most of the scores of witnesses have been examined, but no indictments have been voted, it was stated.

NOT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST

BECAUSE OF THEIR UNIFORMS

NEW YORK, November 7.—The four United States sailors denied admission on September 16, while they were in uniform, to an uptown theatre were not discriminated against because of their uniforms, in the opinion of a magistrate, who to-day heard testimony in the case against three theatre attendants.

The three employees testified that one of the four sailors annoyed a woman in the lobby, and that another walked "in a wobbly way." The money for the tickets, which the sailors had purchased, was handed back to them. The three attendants were discharged.

Part of Town Destroyed.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., November 7.—Ten persons were injured; 150 mad, homeless and seventeen buildings were destroyed by fire that swept out most of the town of West Brownsville to-day. The damage is estimated at \$250,000.

Taft Urges Stronger Army and Navy.

SOUTH-HADLEY, MASS., November 7.—An increase in the army and navy was strongly advocated yesterday by former President Taft, who spoke at Founder's Day exercises at Mount Holyoke College. He urged also the need of more highly trained officers.

Consul Hamm Dead.

WASHINGTON, November 7.—United States consul Theodore Cushing Hamm died to-day from smallpox at his post in Durango, Mex.

a force of needy women to convert the cotton into bandages and wearing apparel.

AUSTRIANS HOLD NEW

POSITIONS IN GALICIA

Forces Which Withdrew From Ivangorod Successfully Withstand Assaults.

HEAVY LOSSES BY ATTACKERS

Declare Bosnia Has Been Cleared of Enemy—Bombardment of Cattaro by Allies Continues Without Result—Statement by Embassy.

WASHINGTON, November 7.—Summarizing dispatches received from Vienna since November 1, a statement issued to-night by the Austrian embassy declares the Austrian forces which withdrew from Ivangorod now hold new positions in Galicia, which have been successfully defended against Russian assaults. The statement reads:

"On the Weichsel-San line, because of encountering superior Russian forces, first the German left wing at Warsaw and then our army in action near Ivangorod voluntarily withdrew. The withdrawal was accomplished with entire success and without any disorganization."

"The new grouping of these forces, carrying out the retirement, established the line through Kutno-Rawa and Radom to the junction of the San and Vistula Rivers."

"In Galicia the positions occupied were held at all points, despite violent Russian attacks, which were repulsed with heavy losses to the attackers."

"In Serbia we took strong Serbian positions in the district between the Save and Drina Rivers. Otherwise, the situation is not altered."

"In Bosnia, the province has been cleared of enemy."

"The bombardment of Cattaro by the allies continues without success."

"It is characteristic of the unscrupulous conduct of the Russians that a price of \$50,000 rubles has been offered for the capture or assassination of the commanders of our army. As a result, an attempt was made on the life of one of our commanding generals, which, however, was frustrated."

FRUIT LAXATIVE IF CONSTIPATED,

TAKE "CALIFORNIA SYRUP OF FIGS"

Best liver and bowel regulator for mamma, daddy and children.

If you're headachy, constipated, bilious or stomach is disordered and you want to enjoy the nicest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced, take a tablespoonful of "California Syrup of Figs" to-night and in the morning all the constipation poison, bile and clogged-up waste will gently move out of the system without gripping and you will feel splendid.

Every member of the family should use this fruit laxative as occasion demands. It is just as effective for

grandpa as it is for baby. It simply cannot injure. Even cross, sick, feverish children just love its pleasant taste and mothers can rest easy after giving it, because it never fails to effect a good "inside cleansing."

For thirty years "California Syrup of Figs" has been recommended by physicians as the ideal stomach, liver and bowel cleanser. Millions of families who are well informed use nothing else, but recently there has come a flood of spurious fig syrups, so we warn the public to ask plainly at drug stores for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs" and see that it is prepared by "California Fig Syrup Company."

We make no cheaper size. Hand back any "counterfeit" with contempt.—Adv.

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CITY OF ROULERS PARTLY

DESTROYED BY GERMANS

Commonly Reported That Forty-Three Private Citizens Have Been Shot.

ROULERS, BELGIUM, November 7 (via London, 2:45 P. M.).—This city, headquarters of the German staff during the attack on Ypres, has suffered terribly. It has been bombarded twice, and was partly destroyed by the Germans who accused citizens of shooting at German soldiers. The Belgians, however, contend that French cavalry were responsible for the shooting, and deny any participation by Belgian citizens.

It is impossible to determine the truth of these accusations and counter-claims, but it is commonly reported that up to the present time forty-three private citizens have been shot by the Germans, while a fine of 100,000 francs was levied on the town. Later this fine was doubled, and the money to pay it was collected by the daughters of a number of prominent citizens, who, in a house to house canvass, raised the amount in cash.

The city is under strict military law, and the Mayor and six leading citizens are obliged to reside in the Town Hall as hostages.

Since November 4 no one has been allowed to leave the northern part of Belgium. Although the Dutch government continues to keep the frontier open to all refugees, the German military authorities will not issue passports to allow persons to leave occupied territory.

SITUATION IS SERIOUS

North Atlantic Coast States Suffering from Forest Fires.

WASHINGTON, November 7.—One of the severest droughts on record is rendering the forest fire situation in Northern Atlantic Coast States extremely serious, according to reports to the forest service. Every day brings news of fresh fires.

Massachusetts has suffered severely. In New Jersey hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property has been destroyed.

Why is a New Franchise Suggested Now?

The Virginia Railway and Power Company now owns franchises in Richmond, the principal of which expire in about fifteen years. It owns various rights in the streets, especially in the new territory, which are perpetual, and rights of way in fee simple which should be parts of streets. It is proposing that the period of the existing franchises be extended about fifteen years, and that the perpetual and fee simple rights be surrendered, thus limiting all rights to the use of the streets to thirty years.

This proposition is made by the company, but the necessity for some such adjustment of the situation has been recognized, and even suggested, by some of the authorities of the city having to deal with this subject. The reasons are obvious, and only a few need be stated:

It is desirable to the city and the public at this time:

(a) Because by the extension of the city limits much additional trackage is brought in, subject to varying and even conflicting franchise rights, which are a great embarrassment to municipal administration;

(b) Because these conflicting franchise provisions render difficult proper municipal control of construction, maintenance and service;

(c) Because perpetual rights should not exist in the streets and highways of a city;

(d) Because the public has long desired that existing toll viaducts should be made free, which cannot be done under corporate control;

(e) Because existing trackage